



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the start of our Spring term! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for the challenges ahead this term. If you have any concerns or questions, please get in touch by making an appointment through the school office or via Class Dojo. Let's hope we have a great term!

Mrs Kirkwood and Mr Watson.

Believe, Achieve, Soar with Pride



PE

Our PE lessons take place on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. PE kits should be left in school **Monday-Friday** to ensure your child has their kit for every session (red T-shirt and black or navy blue shorts/jogging trousers). Please make sure children are fully prepared for indoor or outdoor lessons depending on the weather. Jewellery cannot be worn during PE sessions so please remove earrings from children on these days if they cannot take them out themselves. Thank you!

Important reminders

Remember to have your book bags containing your personal organiser and reading book in school every day. We expect children to read at home and for an adult to comment/sign the personal organiser **at least 3 times per week**. Dojo points will be given for children who have more than 3 comments in their reading record. Children should also try to access **Reading Plus** at home as another way of developing fluency and comprehension skills. For any child who struggles to keep up with reading at home, they can make use of playtimes or teatime club to do this.

Children should bring a **labelled** water bottle each day but toys or other personal belongings are not required.

We are continuing to use Class Dojo to reward children, share photos and give updates on class activities.

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

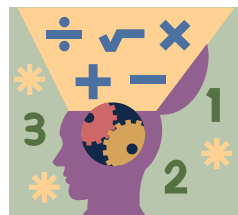
Times Tables Rockstars and other strategies will be used in school and encouraged to be used at home where possible to help prepare children for the online multiplication tables check for Y4 pupils which will be carried out in the summer term. TTRS login details are in the children's personal

The national curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12×12 by the end of year 4 so please support the children with this.

Year 4 Newsletter

Diary dates

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- Non-uniform day - Friday 27th January
- Y4 class assembly - Tuesday 7th February
- Break up and non-uniform day - Friday 17th February
- Y4 Parent lunch/consultation - Monday 20th March
- Break up for Easter holidays and non-uniform day - Friday 31st March



Spelling/times tables

Across the year, children will continue to learn about spelling rules and different times tables and will get regular homework to help them develop their knowledge in these areas. In order to extend their learning at home, children should also regularly practise spellings from the spelling list I will provide and continue to develop fluency with all the multiplication tables up to and including 12×12 .

This term's topics

Science - Living things and their habitats
History - What was daily life like for the Romans?
Geography - Why does Italy shake and roar?
Art and design - Henri Rousseau Tropical Animal Life (draw/paint)
Design and Technology - Mechanical systems - pneumatics
RE - What do Christians believe about Jesus?
Computing - Spreadsheets and writing for different audiences
Music - Developing pulse and groove; creating simple melodies
Languages (French) - Ancient Britain and presenting myself